

# TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN FEBRUARY, 2005

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TOWN MARSHAL'S REPORT: Villagers, unfortunately we have experienced some recent criminal activity in the Village. During the morning of January 22nd a vehicle hit and destroyed the US mail box and bus stop on 104th Ave SE. The vehicle left the scene of the crime and the responsible party has not been identified. Please contact me immediately if you have any information concerning this incident. Also, I have received a report of a mail theft. In order to curb any continued unlawful or improper activity, please be prompt in reporting any suspicious activity either directly to me or to the police. We all need to do our part to protect the integrity of our Village and our property. As always, pleas call with any questions or concerns. *Your friendly neighborhood Marshal*.

LOCKING MAILBOXES: Given this latest incident of mail theft, if residents are interested in purchasing locking mailboxes, we have two options: the Town can organize a bulk purchase at reduced price (20% less than regular retail price) if at least 20 people participate –OR– residents may purchase their locking mailboxes directly. One source is Security Safe & Lock near the intersection of Main Street and

Bellevue Way. They supplied the locking mailboxes residents purchased last spring. IF INTERESTED IN THE BULK PURCHASE, PLEASE CONTACT CLERK-TREASURER SUE ANN SPENS by phone at 425-454-8580 or by email at <a href="mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov">townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov</a> NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2005.

BLUE USPS MAIL COLLECTION BOX: As explained in the Marshal's report above, the blue USPS collection box was damaged in the accident and removed by the Postal Service. We've just learned that the USPS plans to install a replacement box in a nearby location on 108th Ave SE near the tennis courts in the next one to three months. The USPS believes the new location will be safer from damage and more visible and accessible to a larger number of potential users, which will help ensure that it collects enough mail to remain in this new location for many years.

NEW EAGLE NEST CONFIRMED: The state Department of Fish and Wildlife has confirmed that we have another eagle nest within our boundaries in a tree between the Richards and Bromberg homes. The Town is developing a map to assist residents in determining if their property lies within 400 or 800 feet of the nest, as restrictions on building and tree-cutting are based on distance from the nest. In the interim, residents with questions are encouraged to contact Julie Stofel, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1.425.379.2301 or <a href="mailto:egale4@dfw.wa.gov">egale4@dfw.wa.gov</a> for detailed guidance.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**: Highlights from the February 8th Council meeting include:

- Approval of a Request for Boundary Line Adjustment submitted by Jim and Julie Finnell and Barlow and Grace Day.
- Review of two requests for removing trees in the Town ROWs. Councilmember Sharp is working to develop clear guidelines for the Town to use that will improve scrutiny of such requests and reduce the time needed to respond to them.
- Confirmed the reappointment of Steve Hauck to the Board of Adjustment for a second six-year term expiring on December 31, 2010.
- Confirmed the appointment of Peggy Bates to the Board of Adjustment replacing former-chairman Bob Welsh for a six-year term expiring on December 31, 2010.

**REMINDER - NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL:** Thanks to the 75+ households that have provided email addresses, **we are just about ready to launch a new method of delivering the Town newsletter** and hope to make the switch in the next two to three months. There are many good reasons for emailing the newsletter, but two of the best are that it saves you, the taxpayer, the cost of postage/delivery and it saves paper and trees. Villagers who do not have email addresses will continue to receive

hard copies by mail. In addition, Villagers who request hard copies can remain on the mailing list, though you will probably see your email copy several days before the "hard copy" arrives. And, of course, if you opt for email delivery only, you can always print a hard copy, should you so desire. If you haven't yet sent your email address to the Town Clerk, please take a moment to do so by sending a note to <a href="mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov">townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov</a>; we promise it will remain confidential – other newsletter recipients wont' even be able to see it.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on March 8, 2005 at Tom Robinson's, 10500 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Please note that, because of Spring Break schedules, the regular April Council meeting will not be held. Instead, the Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at John Rose's, 10317 SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

## NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you need to speak to someone about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns. You can reach her by email at <a href="mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov">townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov</a>, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth if you need information, applications, or other assistance with permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment. She can be reached by email at <a href="mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov">bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov</a>, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

#### WABA FEBRUARY NEWS

### **Election of WABA Officers.**

At the February 3 WABA Board meeting, the following were elected officers for the year 2005:

President: Jim Airy
Vice President: Chuck Thulin
Secretary: John Sharp

Treasurer: Gerri Armbruster

Member-at-Large: Julia Morse

#### From the Beachmaster.

We have a wonderful new playhouse to the south of the swings. Jens Molback and Blair Carleton contributed the house to WABA and also arranged for its delivery

and installation. We know the kids will it. Adults: Kids have priority, and a "secret decoder ring" must be displayed for adult entry.

In addition to placement of the playhouse, other recent WABA developments include continuing regular beach maintenance, sorting out the garbage pick-up with Rabanco, installing new locks on the shed doors and chain at the south road, and cleaning the perennial bed.

There has been unusual activity at the WABA shed. Anyone witnessing such activity should report it the Town Marshal, Kyle Branum.